easily become a decisive actor on our political stage. Then flashed the first spark of high ambition.

6th. I returned from the campaign of Italy not worth more than 300,000 francs of my own; I might easily have brought back ten or twelve millions, and I should have earned them; I never handed in any accounts, nor was I ever asked for any. I expected, on my return, some great national reward; but the Directoire put the matter on one side. My proclivity was for creating and not for possessing. My property lay in glory and fame: the Simplon for the people; the Louvre for the foreigners, were to me more of a property than the private domains. I bought diamonds for the Crown; I repaired the royal palaces; I crammed them full of furniture; and I found myself on occasion thinking that the money spent by Josephine on he.r hothouses or gallery was a positive injury for my Botanical Gardens or my Paris Museum.

14th. I did not usurp the crown; it was in the gutter and I picked it out; the people placed it on my head: their act must be respected.

18th. What latitude are we in? What longitude ? What is the run since yesterday ?

28th. In revolutions a man can be sure of nothing except what he is doing; it would not be reasonable to affirm that things might not have turned out differently.

October 8th. The men of 1815 were not the men of 1792. The generals were afraid of everything. I needed some one to lead the Guard: had Bessieres or Lannes been there I should not have been defeated. Soult didn't have a good staff.

.17th. *Landing at St. Helena.*